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[9/2] New directions for technical cooperation among developing countries

The High-level Committee,

Reaffirming the importance of programmes for technical cooperation among developing countries and economic cooperation among developing countries as an instrument of multilateral development cooperation,

1. Welcomes the report on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries, 1/ prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 49/96 of 19 December 1994, and expresses its belief that the report constitutes an important contribution for the report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation;

2. Recognizes the importance of new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries in increasing the use of both technical cooperation among developing countries and economic cooperation among developing countries as dynamic instruments to support the development of developing countries and for expanded South-South cooperation;

3. Endorses, in general, the recommendations of the report on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries as an important means for harnessing the significant capacities which exist in the developing world;

4. Supports in particular the recommendations on adopting a more strategic focus for technical cooperation among developing countries and on selecting priority issues, such as trade and investment, debt, the environment, poverty alleviation, production and employment, macroeconomic policy coordination, as well as education, health, transfer of technology and rural development;

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5. Urges Governments and United Nations organizations as well as other institutions and entities in both the public and the private sectors, particularly in developed countries, to incorporate the new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries into their programmes for technical cooperation;

6. Calls upon Governments and United Nations organizations to increase budget allocations for technical cooperation among developing countries and identify new funding arrangements such as triangular funding and private-sector funding, and to mobilize the contributions of bilateral and multilateral donors so as to ensure that adequate resources are available to implement the recommendations on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries;

7. Endorses the recommendation to strengthen the Special Unit for TCDC in order to enable it to play a proactive role within the United Nations system in an effort to expand the application of technical cooperation among developing countries and effectively implement the strategy for new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries while endeavouring to reduce the delivery cost of future programmes for technical cooperation among developing countries;

8. Calls upon the intergovernmental meeting of experts to be convened in New York from 31 July to 4 August 1995 to take fully into account the report on the ninth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, with special emphasis upon the decision on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries, and to propose recommendations for practical application of new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries;

9. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to include in his biennial report to the High-level Committee at its tenth session information on the progress made in the implementation of the present decision.